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NSU Welcomes Boys & Girls State Delegates



Dr. Randall J. Webb, 1965, 1966
President, Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

The 2006-07 academic year has come to a close at Northwestern, and it has been another outstanding year for your alma mater. This year, more than 1,600 students received degrees, the best year in Northwestern history.

As we conclude the second year of selective admissions, the university is beginning to see a positive impact. The average ACT scores of students are rising and those who enter Northwestern are better prepared for college-level work. This should lead to improved student retention and graduation rates in future years.

The university is also making strides in improving our facilities to better serve students. By the time you read this, the demolition of Rapides Hall should be complete. NSU hopes to have approval to begin construction of a new residence hall, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008.

Two other construction projects I mentioned in the Winter Issue, the renovation of Williamson Hall and the demolition and reconstruction of West Caspari Hall, are moving forward. I am eagerly anticipating the completion of these important projects. Another long anticipated project is the construction of our Organizational Row located at the corner of Caspari Street and South Jefferson Street near Chaplain's Lake. In late March, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry broke ground for its new home on the NSU campus. The BCM facility is scheduled to be complete this fall. Several other organizations are planning to construct meeting lodges in this area, which will add to the campus atmosphere.

Northwestern is also proud to be hosting Boys State and Girls State this summer. This program has shaped many outstanding young men and women who have gone on to be leaders in their community and on the state level. We hope this is the start of a long, productive working relationship with the American Legion, whose members have tirelessly supported Boys State and Girls State for more than 60 years.

Thank you again for all you do to support Northwestern.

Dr. Chris Maggio, 1985, 1991
Director of Alumni and Development

My fellow alumni:

One exciting aspect of my job is connecting with former students who, though far away, want to stay involved with Northwestern. Every day I receive e-mails from graduates and others who want to share some news with us or are interested in university activities.

If you are moving, getting married or have a new job, help our office stay up to date by sending in your new address, phone number or e-mail address so we can keep in touch with you. We may be able to help you meet up with old friends in a new city. If you are retiring, received an honor or have accomplished a goal, let us know about it. We can help you share your milestones with former classmates and friends.

We love hearing from our graduates and hope you will utilize your connections at Northwestern to find out news about the school, fellow alumni and other areas of common interest.

There is no end to the outreach and networking possibilities among alumni. Thank you for all you do in your continued support of Northwestern.



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COVER: Northwestern alumni, faculty, staff and current students who participated in Louisiana Boys State and Louisiana Girls State prepare to welcome delegates to the Northwestern campus this summer. From left are Eliza Brittain Behrendsen, Nick Courville, Wes Jones (kneeling), Michael McConathy, Jennifer Anderson Kelly, Coach Mike McConathy, Pat Horton and Melanie Kelly Bedgood.

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NSU alumni recall Boys and Girls State experiences as lessons in leadership, citizenship and democracy

T*his summer, Northwestern will open its doors to hundreds of the state's future leaders when the university is host to Louisiana Boys State and Louisiana Girls State, a week in which achieving high school students learn to be informed citizens while developing a sense of community, service and civic responsibility.*

Louisiana Boys State began in 1940, sponsored by the American Legion, followed in 1941 by Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, and was hosted at Louisiana State University until this year. Sons of the American Legion is also a sponsor.

Laura Clark of DeRidder (1981) is state president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

"I am thrilled and very excited that we made the decision to move Boys and Girls State to NSU. As a participant in the decision-making process, I was an advocate for us to move to NSU as we began our search for a university campus to host our program. Having been a beneficiary of a great education from NSU, I knew what a wonderful opportunity this would be for our students and the university to have these potential leaders on campus," Clark said.

The participant "citizens" are separated into parties and designated cities and parishes, in which they hold a public office and recreate operations or ordinances of their city and parish. The girl delegates will attend the program July 1-7 and the boys will attend July 2-8.

All the delegates described the experience as exhausting, yet valu-

able, and many felt inspired to continue to be engaged in service and leadership.

"Thank you for giving us the opportunity to experience the great facility and hospitality of being on NSU's campus," Clark said. "It will be an awesome experience for the students who represent the entire state. They build relationships that last a lifetime. They learn a variety of leadership skills and how government works."

Pat Hayden Horton (1967, 1968) represented Coushatta High School at Girls State in 1962.

"I loved every minute of it. I made so many friends with people that I stayed in touch with for years," she remembered. Both of Horton's sons later attended Boys State where they both ran for governor and were both narrowly defeated. One of them returned as a counselor for three years.

"I found it a wonderful experience, but it was exhausting," said Horton, who ran for Police Juror.

"I loved the projects. One project was converting an unused floor of a hospital into a space they could use." Horton's group also built a pedestrian overpass. "You had to work up the whole project, the budgets, the paperwork, and present it."

The projects, which exposed delegates to procedures in city, parish and state government, were an invaluable civics lesson, Horton said, but the week was rigorous.

"You learned to focus on what was important and weed out what was not important. It helped with organization," she said.

Horton later earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in education



at Northwestern and is currently supervisor of instruction for the Red River Parish School Board. Her experience at Girls State has had relevance in her career, such as in grant writing and working with others.

"You either loved it or you didn't," she said. "There was no way to be prepared for how demanding it was. You worked day and night. It was demanding and rewarding."

Matt Koury (1995) did not know much about Boys State when he represented Leesville High School in 1990, but remembers long hours working on projects with people he had just met.

"It was a valuable experience," he said. "You had to get together with people you didn't know and be able to work together to reach a goal."

Koury made many friends at Boys State and said the experience instilled in him a desire to be involved in service. While earning a degree in business administration and finance at Northwestern, he was a member of Kappa Sigma and participated in several service projects.

As a businessman in Leesville, he is currently involved with several civic entities, including the Civil Service Board and the Leesville Industrial Development Board. He is also a member of NSU's Alumni Board.

"I know I didn't get any sleep," he recalled during his week at Boys State. "We constantly worked through the night."

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Former Girls State delegates Eliza Brittain Behrendsen, Jennifer Anderson Kelly, Pat Hayden Horton and Melanie Kelly Bedgood.

Eliza Brittain Behrendsen (1992) enjoyed meeting and interacting with girls from different parts of the state during Girls State 1981. Several of her siblings and extended family members have attended Girls and Boys State and her family has been involved in coordinating local delegates for many years.

"I ran for the first office you could run for," said Behrendsen, who was elected mayor of her city. Like others, she said the experience was non-stop. "When you're mayor, you are up 24 hours a day for the whole week."

Behrendsen was active in numerous clubs and organizations at St. Mary's High School in Natchitoches and described herself as patriotic.

"I loved it. I loved meeting people and I loved planning the projects," she said. "The first day I was there, I saw people I knew from other leadership camps. Later I met many of those same people in college."

One of her projects was organizing a city festival event involving city planners, coordinating utilities, police security and traffic control.

During Girls State, Behrendsen met then Speaker of the House John Hainkel and later worked for him for a summer.

The girls who are selected for Girls State are selected based on character, leadership, scholarship, patriot-

ism, and an interview, explained Behrendsen, who works with delegates from Natchitoches Central High School.

"It is an intense experience and the best thing for me was meeting so many different people," Behrendsen said.

Dr. John Bolin (1963) represented Singer High School at Boys State in 1958. As a youth who intended to pursue a career in ministry, Bolin was already interested in public service and enjoyed public speaking. For him, the exposure to different types of students was memorable.

"I was a senator. I ran for governor, but lost," he recalled. "They worked you hard, but you had exposure to a political forum you would not otherwise have been exposed to. I came from a politically oriented family, so I liked that. I liked public speaking."

The experience was positive and eye opening for Bolin.

"It exposed me to people who were from larger schools who were more affluent and had a better educa-



John Manno Jr. of Bossier City (1978) donated \$10,000 to the NSU Foundation for the privilege of taking the first swing of the wrecking ball that began the demolition of Rapides Hall in March. Rapides was built in 1966 with a 725 student housing capacity. The men's dormitory was closed in 2005 as part of a plan to replace old dormitories with modern apartment-style complexes to better meet the needs of today's students. Manno is a former resident of Rapides. His donation will be applied to the Michael Peter Manno Scholarship, which benefits journalism students at Northwestern.

tion. It was an opportunity to see what other students were like, their intellectual level, and their financial level. Coming from Singer, I had never been exposed to that," he said.

He recalled a dance in which "they lined us all up and marched us up to the girls and that was who your partner was," he said. "They also had sporting events you could compete in and I liked to play basketball."

"You worked your tail off and you didn't get much sleep because you were caucusing," said Bolin, who, after returning to his parish was able to participate in a youth government event in DeRidder. His daughter later attended Girls State.

"I had a very good experience," he said. (Read more about Dr. Bolin on Page 6.)

Dr. Ted Ledet (1978) represented St. Mary's High School in 1973. He admitted he left the program early because of football obligations, but recalled the experience as his first exposure to civic procedure.

"It was my first introduction into government affairs and how government actually works," he said. "We were trying to replicate those things. We were given projects and had to figure out how to finance them. I remember calling contractors to figure that out."

Because he left early, Ledet did not seek an elected office, but did note politicking between groups, individuals and their various supporters.

"It was fun, too, because you met people from all over the state," he said. "My roommate was from Franklin and I didn't think he spoke any English."

He also remembered the long hours. "We would start at 7 in the morning and got done about 1 in the morning."

Ledet later earned a degree in zoology and a minor in chemistry at Northwestern. The experience at Boys State caused him to pay more attention to politics and government as a youth.

For Ledet, Boys State "was the first time I thought about government and how it works. You saw how those things work and what government officials actually do and what they are responsible for."



Former Boys State delegates Nick Courville, Michael McConathy, Mike McConathy, and Wes Jones.



Memory of WWII serviceman will be honored with scholarship and Patriotism Award

Northwestern State University will honor an alumnus killed in action during World War II with the presentation of two awards in his name made possible through an endowment to the NSU Foundation.

The Norman Taylor Dowty Scholarship will be awarded to a student based on creativity and achievement in journalism, the arts, humanities or the sciences. The scholarship will be awarded each spring and funded each fall. Recipients must have sophomore, junior or returning senior status at the time of selection. The scholarship will be awarded by a university committee, based upon recommendations from department heads in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Technology who have identified deserving candidates. At the scholarship presentation, a narrative about Lt. j.g. Dowty's achievements will be read to commemorate his heroism, patriotism and distinguished service to our country.

The Norman Taylor Dowty Patriotism Award will be presented to a North-

western State University alumnus for heroism, patriotism and distinguished service to our country. The award committee will meet annually to consider prospective honorees but will present the award only in years when it is determined by the committee that there is an especially worthy and deserving individual to be honored with this special award. The recipient will be announced and recognized at the Homecoming banquet, along with other University honorees.

Recipients will be selected by a committee comprised of the head of the Department of Journalism, the vice president for External Affairs, two faculty members appointed by the head of Journalism and one member of the External Affairs staff designated by the vice president for External Affairs. The head of the Department of Journalism will serve as chair of the selection committee for the Norman Taylor Dowty Award.

A permanent plaque honoring Lt. j.g. Dowty will be placed in the Department of Journalism. Adjacent to it will be a

plaque honoring the recipients of the Dowty Patriotism Award.

The \$10,000 scholarship endowment was presented to the NSU Foundation by the honoree's daughter, Amy Dowty Lore, and her mother, Rivers Rhodes Wallace.

Born in 1919, Dowty was a graduate of Bolton High School in Alexandria. At Northwestern, he was editor of the Current Sauce student newspaper and was involved with speech and debate. He left Northwestern to join the Naval Air Corps and was trained as a Naval pilot before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He married Rivers Rhodes of Natchitoches in August 1942. In March of 1944, a U.S. Naval task force destroyed two enemy submarines in the North Atlantic, and Dowty, a Navy pilot, had a leading role in both. He left behind his wife and an infant daughter.



Outstanding Calvin student earns Carpenter scholarship

Brittany Haire of Calvin High School was named the 2007 recipient of the Lanis D. Carpenter Memorial Scholarship by the Northwestern State University Foundation. The scholarship honors the memory of a longtime Winn Parish educator and is awarded annually to an incoming NSU freshman from Winn Parish.

Carpenter was a graduate of Calvin High School where he was an all-state player in basketball and baseball. He earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree and plus-30 at Northwestern. In 1994, he was named supervisor of secondary education in Winn Parish. Carpenter passed away in 1995. He posthumously received the LHSAA Distinguished Service Award in 1999.

"We believe that Brittany was the perfect choice for the scholarship because of her determination to continue with her dreams, no matter the roadblocks that life has put before her," said John Carpenter, Lanis Carpenter's son. "Talking to mem-

bers of the faculty of Calvin High School, they all spoke very highly of Brittany's ability to overcome the death of her mother and help her father raise her younger sisters while maintaining a 4.0 GPA, and the desire to better her family's situation with a college education."

According to Jenny Geisman, counselor at Calvin High, Haire decided to attend NSU so that she can live at home and remain the primary care-giver for her 3- and 10-year-old siblings.

"She still has a 4.0 and is involved in other things. She does as much as she possibly can," Geisman said.

Haire plans to pursue a career in radiologic technology.

"That is all I have ever wanted to do," Haire said. "I really want to further my education. If something happens to my dad, I will be the only one to take care of my family, so I need to have a good job."

"Every year we try to choose a recipient that has a similar background to our

father," Carpenter said. "His father passed away when he was a young boy. Our grandmother raised our father, the youngest child, and his two sisters by sewing and selling eggs. When my father got to Northwestern, he applied for financial aid, but was refused because they thought he was lying about his family's financial background. He told me that when he asked why he had been refused, the person in the financial aid office told him 'it was impossible for someone to be that poor.' That didn't stop my father from pursuing his college degree."

Lanis Carpenter would leave Natchitoches the day of his last final, travel to south Louisiana and work offshore until the day before enrolling for classes.

"He always told me that was his financial aid," Carpenter said. "This is why we believe that Brittany was the outstanding choice to receive this scholarship in memory of our father."

SPOTLIGHTS

Joshua Arvizu (2002) received a glowing review in the Washington Post Music Section earlier this year for his performance with the Washington, D.C., Friday Morning Music Club. Arvizu, an oboist, was a featured soloist in a performance of "The Winter's Passed" by Wayne Barlow.

Arvizu earned a bachelor's of music at NSU and is currently a program coordinator in the Office of Continuing Education at Trinity (Washington) University.

Bill Bailey Carter (1973) was named director of marketing for Orbiz for Business Travelport in Chicago, a year-long contract as vice president of marketing for the Fortune 500 Company. Carter was a journalism major and a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

Mary Metzger of Lake Charles celebrated her 105th birthday earlier this year with a celebration that included friends and family. Metzger was born in 1902 in Newton, Miss., and lived in Grayson and Shreveport. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana Normal in the early 1920s and attended Peabody University in Tennessee and Columbia University in New York. Metzger spend her career teaching home economics and nutrition in Jennings, Vinton and DeQuincy.

In 1942, she married J. Emery Metzger, who was president of Rotary International, and the couple traveled to international events. He died in 1967. Metzger was involved in service to the community and to her church, First Presbyterian, becoming the first female elder in 1970.

Metzger attributed her longevity to good nutrition and a positive attitude.

Vic Stelly (1962) was appointed to the Louisiana State Board of Regents. This board has jurisdiction over all public higher education in the State. In 2004, Stelly completed 16 years in the Louisiana House of Representatives and was inducted in 2006 to the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame. Prior to his retirement from State Farm Insurance in 2000, Stelly taught and coached football at Redemptorist and Broadmoor High Schools in Baton Rouge and McNeese State in Lake Charles.

Stelly and his wife Terry (1958,1960) have three children and five grandchildren.

Weight-lifting legend **Gayle Hatch** (1962) assumed duties as strength and conditioning coach of the Louisiana State University men's basketball team. Hatch is a member of several weightlifting and strength and conditioning halls of fame. A standout basketball player for the Demons, the Baton Rouge resident is a member of the NSU Graduate N Club Hall of Fame and the Long Purple Line, is a recipient of the Nth Degree and was honored with the creation of the Gayle Hatch Basketball Scholarship.

Hatch has been a friend and advisor to LSU basketball coaches Dale Brown and John Brady, and received a Final Four

ring for his efforts in 2006. Hatch was the head coach for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Weightlifting Team competing in Athens, Greece.

Tommy McClelland II (2004, 2005) was named interim director of athletics at McNeese State University earlier this year. McClelland was already serving as coordinator of athletic events, sales and marketing at McNeese. McClelland holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree in sports administration from NSU. He previously worked in the NSU athletics department and as an administrative intern at the Southland Conference office in Plano.

NSU alumni Musician 1st Class **Kelly Watkins** (2000) returned to NSU in April to perform as a featured soloist with the United States Coast Guard Band. Watkins joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 2003. She earned a bachelor's degree in music from NSU and a master's in music from Illinois State University.

In 2003, Watkins was selected as the grand prize winner of the International Women's Brass Conference Solo Competition. She has also been a prize-winner in the 2001 and 2002 International Trumpet Guild Solo Competitions, held in Indiana and England and the 2002 National Trumpet Competition held in Virginia.

Prior to join the Coast Guard Band, Watkins performed with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, Opera Illinois and the Shreveport Symphony. MU1 Watkins has also attended the Sewanee Summer Music Center and Festival as well as the Lake Placid International Trumpet Institute.

Stay connected to NSU

We at NSU want our alumni and friends to feel connected to happenings on and around campus.

In addition to this magazine and other methods of communication, we send out monthly e-news letters and other e-mails to let our friends know about activities or events in which they might be interested. These notices might pertain to athletics, Creative and Performing Arts, Continuing Education, non-credit courses or Alumni activities, such as trips or receptions. Whatever your area of interest, you can get involved by joining our e-mail list.

Take a moment to go on-line to www.northwesternalumni.com and click on "Update our Files." A form for updates is also available on Page 16 of this publication and can be dropped in the mail.

In today's world, keeping in touch is easier than ever. Even though you may be far from Natchitoches, you can still be a part of the university community.

Information related to the school or any current or former students and faculty, personal news about or profiles of alumni, and events or other items of interest to alumni, including reunion plans, are welcome. If you have a news item to submit, please send an email to Chris Maggio, director of Alumni and Development at maggioc@nsula.edu.

Alum/faculty artist earns top design prize

Northwestern State University Assistant Professor of Art Anthony Watkins was named the 2007 American Inhouse Design Award winner, presented by Graphic Design USA Magazine, for a poster design promoting the 2006 School of Creative and Performing Arts Christmas Gala. Watkins was recognized as the creative director and design for the project. The work will be published in the magazine's July 2007 Awards issue,



Tony Watkins

a 300-page special edition, that will be seen by Graphic Design USA's national audience of nearly 100,000 design professionals and creative management. It will also be distributed at designer events and shows all year.

Watkins graduated from Northwestern with a BA in 1994 and earned an MA in 2001. He completed MFA coursework at the University of Tennessee in 2004.

COE seeking nominations for Hall of Distinguished Educators

Northwestern's College of Education Alumni Advisory Board is seeking nominations for its Hall of Distinguished Educators for 2008. The inductees will participate in NSU homecoming activities in the fall. If you know of an outstanding College of Education alumnus who has

had a distinguished career in education, please send the nominee's resume or other documentation outlining the reason for the nomination to Jimmy Berry, Chair, Alumni Advisory Board, 454 Whiteoak Lane, Natchitoches, LA 71457 or email to jandmberry@suddenlink.net.

Additional information is available from Berry at 318-357-8546 or Dr. Brenda Hanson in the College of Education at (318) 357-5518 or dai-ley@nsula.edu. The deadline to submit 2008 nominations is July 15.

Profile: Dr. John Bolin



Dr. John Bolin of Lafayette was honored for 40 years of practice as a surgeon by the Lafayette Parish Medical Association. Earlier this year, he was also recognized as one of America's Top Surgeons, a national award presented by the Consumers' Research Council of America.

Dr. Bolin is in practice at the Southwest Regional Breast and General Surgery Center. His primary inter-

est is in the care of breast diseases.

"It's a nice gesture on the part of the Medical Society," said Dr. Bolin, who has served the organization as president.

Bolin earned a degree in biology with a minor at NSU in 1963. He chose to attend Northwestern because his mother, Dorothy Cooley Bolin, and his sister, Dorothy Bolin, graduated on the same day in the 1950s. His uncle, Cracker Brown, was a long-time baseball coach. Bolin had hoped to play basketball as

an undergraduate, but his basketball career lasted only one year.

Bolin enrolled at Northwestern as a history major with plans to become a minister but a biology instructor advised him to pursue a career in a science-related field.

"I have had the opportunity to talk to people about their health, as well as their faith," he said.

At Northwestern, Bolin was a member of Blue Key, the biology academic fraternity and was president of the Baptist Student Union on campus and at the state level.

Upon graduation, Bolin married Wanda Jean Johnson Bolin, daughter of J.W. Johnson, a long-time business professor at Northwestern who was recognized with an Outstanding Professor Award and was honored with the creation of a scholarship in his name by the Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Bolin has been involved in numerous medical professional associations and was chief of staff at Southwest Medical Center in Lafayette for two years. Outside his profession, he is a rosarian, a member of the Rose Society and enjoys hunting and fishing. He attends First Baptist Church of Lafayette and teaches a weekly Bible study.

Dr. and Mrs. Bolin have hosted NSU recruiting receptions in their home. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Alumni recognize professional mentors

Journalism scholarship established

Robert Gentry has never forgotten two of the people who helped him prepare for a successful career in journalism. Gentry, the owner and publisher of the Sabine Index in Many, and his wife Laurie Gentry have made a donation to the Northwestern State University Foundation to establish the Cunningham-Merrill Journalism Scholarship.

The Cunningham-Merrill Journalism Scholarship was set up in memory of the late Charles M. Cunningham and in honor of Dr. John C. Merrill.

Cunningham was owner and publisher of the Natchitoches Times and the Sabine Index. He also taught English at Northwestern and was faculty advisor for the university yearbook, the Potpourri.

Robert Gentry worked for Cunningham at the Natchitoches Times while he was working toward his journal-



Among those attending the ceremony announcing the establishment of the Cunningham-Merrill Journalism Scholarship were (from left): Dr. Paula Furr, head of the Department of Journalism at Northwestern, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Laurie Gentry, Robert Gentry, Dr. John C. Merrill and Jerry Pierce, vice president for external affairs at Northwestern.

ism degree at Northwestern. Gentry went to Many in 1964 to run the Sabine Index for Cunningham and later bought the newspaper from him.

Merrill taught journalism at Northwestern and later taught at Texas A&M, the University of Maryland, the University of Virginia, California State-Long Beach, the University of North Carolina and the University of Missouri. Merrill is professor emeritus at the University of Missouri and has been the

Erbon W. and Marie Wise Endowed Chair of Journalism at NSU for the past two years. Gentry was a student of Merrill.

"I am very honored to have this scholarship established in my name and I know Charles would be honored as well," said Merrill, who attended the ceremony announcing the establishment of the scholarship. He (Cunningham) was a good journalist and he taught me and Robert a lot."

The scholarship is \$500 per semester and will be awarded to a student majoring in print journalism based on financial need and/or academic achievement. Preference will be given to a student from Natchitoches or Sabine Parish.

Gentry is a Marthaville native who edited Northwestern's student newspaper, the Current Sauce, the year of its 50th anniversary.

Drive underway to fund business professorship

Two graduates of Northwestern State University are spearheading an effort to endow a professorship to honor Dr. Robert Easley, long-time dean and professor in the College of Business.

Fred Clark, a 1950 and 1956 graduate, and Ellis J. Coutee, a 1960 graduate, in cooperation with the NSU Foundation, are seeking to raise \$60,000 that will be matched by \$40,000 from the state and hope that other alumni from the College of Business will lend support to

fund the endowment.

"Dr. Easley was one of the best business professors that we had, and his teaching helped us gain a foundation of knowledge that was beneficial in our career. We want to recognize his work by endowing the professorship in the College of Business at NSU. We know that if NSU College of Business alumni and others join together we can be successful in this worthwhile project," Coutee said.

"He was witty. He cared for his students. You could connect with him easily."

Clark said.

A native of Goldonna, Easley worked before enrolling at Normal and was about 10 years older than most of the other students, according to his daughter, Dr. Paula Rembert of Shreveport. He was an officer in student government and worked at a dairy to support himself. After graduating from Normal, Easley was a member of the NSU faculty from 1938-1972.

"I am well aware that he touched a lot of lives," Rembert said. "I run into people all the time who had him as a

teacher. He was very engaging."

About \$30,000 has been raised so far and fund drivers hope to announce its completion during NSU's Homecoming in October and recognize all donors who participated. Several different pledge and partnership levels exist for the endeavor.

For more information, Chris Maggio at the NSU Foundation office at (318) 357-4414 or maggioc@nsula.edu.

NSU Scholarship Banquet



Ed Curry Scholarship recipients Jessica Lee, left and Nancy Brown, right, were congratulated by Jack Brittain Jr.



Jane Norman, right, was recipient of the First United Methodist Men Endowed Scholarship, presented by Shawn Hornsby.



Desiree Dillard was the recipient of the Thelda M. Harris Memorial Scholarship, presented by Brett Harris.



Allison McCloud, center, recipient of the Roy B. Gentry Jr. Scholarship was congratulated by Dr. Vicki Gentry and Dr. Roy Gentry.



Michael Guillory was the recipient of the Sam and Carmellite Maggio Endowed Scholarship. From left are Henry Maggio, Guillory, Nita Maggio and Donna Guillory.



Cody Newsom, center, was recipient of the Chris Roper Memorial Scholarship presented by Richard and Mary Roper.



Drake Harrington, right, was recipient of the John and Jason McCain Endowed Scholarship, presented by Jack and Mary Beth McCain.



Dr. and Mrs. Randall J. Webb congratulated Jessica Bolton on being recipient of the Joe and Narvis Webb Endowed Scholarship. From left are Dr. Webb, Bolton, Mrs. Webb and Joella and Travis Bolton.



Kristen Joubert, right, was the recipient of the Barry Smiley Endowed Scholarship, presented by Martha T. Smiley, left.

Nashville Reception



Derek Dieterich (1994), Dianne Dubay Dieterich (1994), and daughters Lauren, 6, and Madeline, 3, were among the guests at the Nashville reception.



Danny Higdon (1958), Raymond Nabors (1986) and Deborah Hampton enjoyed catching up in Nashville



Jovanna Emerson (1999), Angela Shea and Brad (1993) and Katie Koss were among the attendees in Nashville.



Alexandria Reception



Daisy Johnston of Jena High School, left, and Kesley Primeaux of Pineville High School, right, were congratulated by Darla Williford (2006) as Ted Jones Scholarship recipients.



Jimbo and Sandy Thiels (1973) hosted the Alexandria reception for future Northwestern students.

Texas Music Educators Association Reception



NSU graduates attended a reception held in conjunction with the Texas Music Educators Association in February. From left are Jenny Eubank Richardson (2000), Monty Morris-Braeme (1997), two friends of NSU and Leah Benson (2006).



Jenny Eubank Richardson (2000) and Kevin Richardson (1997) were among the alumni attending the TMEA reception.

Athletics reaches \$1 Million milestone

The endowment fund for athletic scholarships at Northwestern State University reached the \$1 million milestone as a result of 2006 year-end gifts totaling close to \$250,000. Interest income from this endowment fund, which is managed by the NSU Athletic Association, is utilized annually to help fund the cost of athletic scholarships for all of NSU's 14 Division I intercollegiate sports.

NSU Director of Athletics Greg Burke noted that the cost of athletic scholarships has increased by over \$500,000 in four yet NSU remains committed to offering the full complement of scholarships, in all sports, allowed under NCAA guidelines. The cost of athletic scholarships—tuition, fees, room, board, and books—for the 2006-07 year is projected to surpass the \$1.5 million mark. That scholarship balance is underwritten by a combination of designated funds in the Athletic Department budget, annual donations to the NSU Athletic Association fund drive, and endowment income.

"The NSU Athletic Department,



Softball outfielder Cary Bruno, left, and sprinter Deidra Truss, right, both recipients of athletic scholarships named for Retta and the Rev. James Poole, met with the Pooles during an athletic scholarship banquet.

including its coaches and student-athletes, is truly grateful to so many individuals whose generosity has enabled the endowment fund for athletic scholarships to exceed the \$1 million benchmark. This is a wonderful step forward for the NSU athletic program," said Burke.

Burke added that the continued growth of the NSU Athletic Association's scholarship endowment fund will play an important role in giving the Athletic Department the latitude and comfort level to continue budgeting full scholarship limits in all sports.

"The challenge of keeping up with the recent spike in scholarships costs—and this is a national trend—has put athletic departments under a tremendous amount of stress to seek funding that will offset those scholarship increases. In fact, smaller Division I athletic departments like NSU often find themselves torn between working hard to

balance the annual scholarship budget with finding time to undertake other initiatives (i.e., facility projects) which are necessary and will make a difference for the program," he said.

"There are many vehicles through which an individual can establish an endowed athletic scholarship (see adjacent information) and many reasons (in honor or memory of an individual; anniversary, birthday, or other special date) to do so. It is our job as a department to continue creating awareness for the scholarship endowment fund," said Burke.

"While reaching the \$1 million mark is nice, this accomplishment must be treated just like an on-field success—with a level of satisfaction but, at the same time, with a burning desire to achieve at an even higher level. That 'higher level' in the case of athletic scholarship endowments is to continue increasing the fund total at a fast pace."

NSU ready to celebrate 100 years of football

The Centennial Celebration of 100 years of intercollegiate football competition at Northwestern State University begins in July and lasts all fall.

Check www.nsudemons.com and watch your e-mailbox and your mailbox at home for news and invitations to events. Among the activities: selection of the "All-Time Demon Dream Team: The Top 100 Players" with announcement in early July; a "Sam Goodwin Roast" in late July, poking fun at the Demons' coach from 1983-2000; and an all day series of festivities and giant tailgating party on Saturday, Sept. 1, for the season-opening football game at Turpin Stadium against Henderson State.

Louisiana Normal's first football contest against another college team took place in 1907. Few institutions around Louisiana and the nation have such rich tradition. It's time to join in the celebration in the 100th year of football at our alma mater!





Army ROTC alumni organize Northwestern Demon Regiment

Members of the NSU ROTC Hall of Fame are organizing the Northwestern Demon Regiment. The NDR mission is to support the NSU Military Science department's ability to recruit, train and commission high caliber students as future officers of the U.S. Army and promote the NDR heritage.

Organized like an Army Regiment, the NDR Battalions will be numbered consecutively beginning with the Class of 1951 as the 1st Battalion, Northwestern Demon Regiment. The Class of 2007 is the 57th Battalion, Northwestern Demon Regiment and next year's class is the 58th Battalion, Northwestern Demon Regiment.

This approach offers ROTC Alumni and former cadets the opportunity to reconnect with classmates as well as encourage current cadets to enhance the image and reputation of NSU Army ROTC, organizers said.

The Regimental Colors were unfurled at the activation ceremony conducted in March during the Military Ball, which honored the Regiment and the 57th Battalion.

"This is indeed a seminal event for Northwestern and underscores the rich tradition of the University providing high caliber officers for service in the U.S. Army," said Dr. Randall J. Webb, NSU president.

A Regimental Ball will be conducted as part of the official 2007 Homecoming weekend in October. Additional activities will include an NDR breakfast and briefing, the Hall of Fame luncheon, a tour of Natchitoches and attending the Homecoming football game. Information about how to participate in the NDR, its vision and goals, opportunities to serve the Regiment and Homecoming weekend information will be provided by mail.

The program is being organized by LTG (Ret.) Joseph Cosumano, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment (or president); Gen. A.J. LaBoa, Honorary Executive Officer of the Regiment; BG (Ret.) Curtis F. Hoglan, Regimental Development Officer; BG (Ret.) James Bonsall, Regimental Historian; BG (Ret.) Richard Averitt, Regimental Adjutant, and Past NSU President Robert Alost. The group is working in conjunction with LTC Leon Pennington, PMS and 18th Colonel of the regiment, and Chris Maggio, director of Alumni and Development.

If you receive Alumni Columns in the mail, we have your correct address. If not, or if you know of another Army ROTC graduate or cadet who may be interested in participating in this organization contact, Drake Owens, assistant director of institutional advancement at (318) 357-4243 or owensd@nsula.edu to provide your correct name, rank, address, phone number and e-mail address.

Foundation News

❖ Thomas M. Wright of Houston has created a scholarship to benefit a Northwestern student with first preference being a student in the College of Business from Sabine Parish.

A native of Many, Wright earned a degree in accounting at NSU in 1973. He has lived in Houston since graduation where he is a CPA and tax accountant. He and his wife, Connie, have two daughters. Wright credited his parents, Marguerite Wright of Many and the late Melvin Wright, with instilling in him a desire for achievement.

"My parents were great role models – moral, ethical, hard-working, caring and generous folks. They were wonderful examples and set the standards very high for my sister and I," Wright said. Wright's sister, Connie Ammons of Many, received undergraduate and master's degrees in education from Northwestern and is principal at Many Elementary.

❖ The Simpson High School Alumni Association is developing a scholarship to benefit a Simpson High graduate attending Northwestern. The Alumni Association has previously offered a \$500 scholarship to a college-bound student, but is seeking to create an award specifically for an NSU student.

"Last year, we decided to endow \$100,000 and asked members to make pledges toward the scholarship through the NSU Foundation. We have \$20,000 pledged so far," said Robert Turner, Association president. Turner is a 1957 graduate of Simpson High and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at NSU in 1961 and 1964.

The scholarship recipient will be selected by a committee based on academic achievement, financial need and extracurricular involvement. The committee's goal is to offer the student \$2,000 per year for four years as long as grade point average requirements are met.

A rural school in Vernon Parish, the average graduating class at Simpson High School is 25-30 students. Last year,

20 of 30 graduating seniors enrolled in institutions of higher education, most of them with financial assistance.

❖ Northwestern received the second of three donations of \$20,000 from the Poindexter Foundation of Shreveport. The donation will be used to create an endowed professorship in the College of Business.

"Northwestern's outstanding business program has been recognized nationally. The College of Business is key in meeting the needs of the business community in this area and around the state," said Roy James of Shreveport, a trustee of the Poindexter Foundation. "The trustees of the foundation feel this gift will further strengthen Northwestern's program and will in turn aid in the continued growth of this area."

"Endowments are of great value to the College of Business. State budgets vary according to the economy, and also due to events such as hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Endowment funds smooth out the bumps from variations in state appropriations," said Dr. Joel Worley, acting dean of the College of Business.

A previous donation established the Poindexter Foundation Endowed Professorship in Accounting.

❖ A Haynesville couple has established an endowed professorship and an athletic scholarship through a donation to the Northwestern State University Foundation.

The Bryant and Heloise Lewis Endowed Professorship for the College of Business was initiated through a donation that will be matched with funds from the state. An additional donation will fund the Bryant and Heloise Athletic Scholarship to benefit a student-athlete.

A Hanesville native, Bryant Lewis transferred to NSU from Kilgore Junior College on a football scholarship. He was attracted to Northwestern because several friends who were student athletes were attending Northwestern. He served as co-captain of the football team his senior year and graduated in 1958 with a



Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Lewis

degree in business. He worked as a grocery store manager and restaurant owner and eventually began a logging and pulpwood business.

Lewis has been involved with alumni for many years as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors and the President's Council.

❖ A permanently endowed scholarship has been established through the Northwestern State University Foundation that will help single mothers earn their degree. This scholarship will be awarded every semester to deserving student at NSU.

The Harleen T. Robertson Endowed Scholarship will be presented to a full-time student majoring in education or business. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide single mothers with a consistent stipend each semester to ease their financial burdens in obtaining a college education. Recipients will continue to receive this scholarship each semester until graduation as long as she remains a full-time student and maintains a 3.0 grade point average or higher.

"Earning a degree is a challenge for anyone, but particularly for a single parent with financial constraints," said Dr. Chris Maggio, director of Alumni and Development. "This scholarship will ease the financial burden for an individual who is balancing schoolwork with family obligations and aid in the path to success for a non-traditional student."

Alumni Updates

1941

Melva Mayson Maxey is retired and lives in Lake Charles.

1955

Ellace J. Bruce is retired, married and lives in Alma, Ark.

1956

Perry Houston Miers is retired and currently the pastor of Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church. He is married and lives in Anacoco.

1959

Jerry Roy is retired, married and lives in San Antonio, Texas.

1964

William (Bill) Thomas is retired and lives in Dunnellon, Fla.

1966

Linda Stroud Starnes is employed by Bossier Parish School System as a teacher and lives in Shreveport.

1972

Charlotte Broussard Mayer is employed by Vernon Parish School Board as a librarian and lives in Gueydan.

1972

Carolyn Towry Mayeaux is retired and lives in Ragley.

1973

Charles Ward is a computer help desk for Crest Industries and lives in Pineville.

1976

Barbara (Babs) Bodin Melton was recently appointed by Governor Tim Kaine to a four-year-term on the Virginia Cave Board. She is the executive director of Crystal Caverns and Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill Historic Park in Strasburg, Va.

1978

Barbara McShane Barnickel is the principal at Vernon Parish Optional School and lives in Leesville.

1979

Karl William Marx is retired, married and lives in Santa Maria, Calif.

1982

Theresa Ann Yates Gresham is retired and lives in Pineville.

1983

Vickie Moore is employed by the United States Air Force as a chief in the Nurse Utilization and Education Branch. She lives in Cibola, Texas.

1984

Debra Borland Mack is a remediation intervention specialist for Shanksville-Stonycreek School District, married and lives in Somerset, Pa.

1986

Jerry Davis is the vice president of Marketing and Software Products for NUVO Network

Alumni Profile

Treg Ancelet

Captain Treg Ancelet appreciates that he gets to take in a great deal of history every day. Ancelet ('93) is deputy commander of the United States Military Academy Band at West Point.

According to Ancelet, the main mission of the band is to support the Corps of Cadets. The band performs at ceremonies, on the parade ground, at funerals and at football games including the Army/Navy game. The band also tours, mainly in the New York area.

"I will be standing on the parade ground with a saber in my hand and see the Long Grey Line marching and it will get to me," said Ancelet. "I look around and see the buildings where Eisenhower, Patton, Grant and Lee studied. For a history buff like me, it is fascinating. I love the atmosphere. Not many people get the opportunity to see this campus every day."

While at NSU, Ancelet was a member of the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, serving as drum major. He was band director at Leesville High School for five years, then earned a master's degree at George Mason University before joining the Army.

Ancelet is in charge of one of three units in the band, the Hellcats, a drum and bugle corp which is more than 200 years old and is one of the



oldest in the Army. A bugler in the Hellcats wakes up West Point cadets each morning, calls them to lunch and plays each evening when the flag is lowered.

Each band member is on active duty. None of band's officers are West Point graduates.

"One can be a member of a military band for their entire career," said Ancelet. "Some of the members have been at West Point for more than 30 years. Many of them have outstanding resumes as musicians and perform as substitute musicians with the New York Philharmonic or the Los Angeles Philharmonic. They are so talented that it pushes me to work hard."

Ancelet is one of 21 commissioned band officers who rotate among six bands. He recently traveled to NSU to lead a conducting clinic.

"It was really nice to come back and help students in conducting clinics. I also talked about my own experiences," he said.

Management and lives in Ottawa.

1987

Jack Hembree is general manager at Sumner Regional Medical Center, married and lives in Cottontown, Tenn.

1991

April White Mouton is a financial analyst at Fidelity Bank and lives in Holly Springs, N.C.

1991

Jennifer Anderson Kelly is director of Auxiliary Services at NSU,

married to Keenan Kirk Kelly ('90) and lives in Natchitoches.

1993

Don O'Byrne is president and founder of Don Juanz, Inc. and lives in Bossier City.

Rev. Philip Wolfe is employed in marketing at US Brass & Copper and lives in Avenel N.J.

Gidget Anthony Sipper is the owner of The Designed Body Pilates Studio and lives in McKinney, Texas.

1994

Staci Remedés Anderson is a business education teacher at Zwolle High School and lives in Zwolle.

1995

Betty Hatfield Sykes is a special education teacher at East Beau-regard Elementary School, married and lives in DeRidder.

Adriane Robin Emonet is the membership director at Woman's Hospital and lives in Baton Rouge.

Stephanie Gardner Young is a manager for Cingular Wireless and lives in New Iberia.

1997

Julie Frazier Sellers is a loan teller at Bank of Winnfield, married and lives in Winnfield.

Betsy Bourgeois Dehart is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner at Stonebridge Pediatrics and lives in McKinney, Texas.

Michelle McCoy Hollenshead is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investment Firm and lives in Bossier City.

1999

Wuanicia Denise Milner Kirts is employed by CDI Head Start as a lead teacher, married and lives in Colfax.

Leslie Jacob Zientek recently graduated from Sam Houston State University with a masters in Counseling and lives in Houston, Texas

Alumni Profile**John C. Williams**

Alumnus John C. "JJ" Williams continues his service to his country and his community as the District 4 representative to the City Councilman in Mobile, Ala. Councilman-elect Williams based his campaign on the slogan, "Government should do what it was designed to do." He focused on providing the basic services, ensuring safety, and enforcing as well as creating new laws that was fair and good for all the community. His drive and determination to make life better for the citizens of his district is apparent to any who visit Mobile.

A native of Lake Charles, Williams enrolled in celebrated Demon Regiment (Army ROTC) with the goal of earning a commission in the U.S. Army. He earned a degree in business administration and his commission into the Army in 1984 after graduating as the Distinguished Military Graduate. While at NSU, Williams was active in many activities and organizations including Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity (TKE), Army ROTC, Student Government, Blue Key, the Young Republi-

cans and was the Demon Mascot in 1983 and 1984.

Williams earned a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University in 1994 and is a graduate of the Air Force's Air Command and Staff College. Williams, who served the United States Army in a variety of positions, including as an Artillery Battery Commander during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, a member of the Pentagon Staff, and as a member of the ROTC staff at Troy State University, retired from military service in 2004. In January 2006 Williams took on the task of becoming the business manager and establishing Mobile Premier Pediatric Dentistry where is wife, Dr. Maureen Baldy Williams, is a dentist.

When reflecting upon his days at Northwestern, Williams said, "It is certainly no secret that Northwestern changed my life forever. NSU offered every opportunity for leadership and an environment that encouraged free and independent thinking." Williams got his first exposure to politics and learned how to



deal with people from different socio-economic backgrounds in order to create the common good while serving as a Senior Senator. However, according to Williams, "My brotherhood with TKE was the capstone of my education...enabling me to put into practice all the valuable lessons learned in the classrooms."

Williams and his wife Maureen have been married for 10 years and have two boys, John Paul, 7, and Luke, 5. The boys, who are in first grade and kindergarten respectively, attend at St. Ignatius Elementary School. Although he has chosen to settle in Mobile, Williams says, "I left my heart in Natchitoches —and will always fondly recall wearing the "I LOVE NATCHITOCHES" stickers that the legendary Mayor Joe Sampite made famous."

2000

David J. Dauzat is a world geography teacher and head baseball coach at Beau Chene High School. He is married to Dene Lacaze Dauzat ('01) and lives in Sunset.

Mark Ferguson is a teaching assistant at the University of

Alabama and lives in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dr. Matt Creighton is a urology resident at the University of Kansas Medical Center and lives in Overland, Kan.

La'Toria L. Willis is a grants administrator for Greater New Orleans Foundation and lives in New Orleans.

2001

Nicholas Paul Jirovec is currently in the United States Marine Corps and works in the counter intelligence division and lives in Indian Head, Md.

2002

Timothy Monaghan is an insurance producer for State Farm, married to Aimee Primeaux

Monaghan ('03) and lives in Lafayette.

Donna Renee Jackson is a registered nurse at LSU Health and Science Center, married and lives in Alexandria.

2003

Aimee Primeaux Monaghan is employed with Compass Behavioral Center, married to

Timothy Monaghan ('02) and lives in Lafayette.

Sarah Lynne Peterson is a family and consumer science teacher at Lancaster Senior High School and lives in DeSoto, Texas.

Joshuah Laird is a guest teacher for Clark County School District

and lives in Henderson, Nev.

2004

Richard Schneider is currently in the United States Air Force and lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

Amanda McClain is a promotions coordinator at Spurs Sports & Entertainment and lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Edwin Neal Reliford is employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigations as a police officer. He is also a commissioned officer in the Louisiana Army Nation-

al Guard and lives in Washington, D.C.

2005

Kelly Rene Robin Guidroz is employed at Counseling Associates as a license master's of social work therapist, married to Beau Guidroz ('05) and lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Brandi Dye is employed by Bossier Parish School Board as a middle school science teacher and lives in Haughton.

Gabriel Macias is registered nurse/NICU at Christus Schumpert, married and lives in Shreveport.

Regina Wyatt Hall is a programmer for Wal-Mart Information Systems Division and lives in Bentonville, Ark.

Shelly Victorian Bateman is employed by Fountainbleau Management and lives in Baton Rouge.

Callie Reames Gillard is a writing teacher at Harmony Elementary School and lives in Sugarland, Texas.

2006

Jason Michael Hughes is an English teacher at East Ascension High School and lives in Gonzales.



Give a lasting gift to your loved one

NSU alumni and friends often reflect on the wonderful friends, mentors and memories they acquired during their time at Northwestern. A brick paver in the new Alumni Plaza is the perfect way to commemorate time spent at NSU. Please consider the purchase of a brick for yourself, your loved one or your graduate.

Recipients will be sent a certificate letting the recipient know that the brick has been purchased and its location in the Plaza. A heartfelt gift of this nature is especially appropriate for a new graduate. For a donation of \$100, a 3-1/2 by 7-1/2 inch brick can be purchased with a maximum of three lines of 13 characters, including spaces, on each line.

For more information on purchasing a brick, call (318) 357-4243 or send an e-mail to owensd@nsula.edu.

Proceeds from the purchase of bricks and other fixtures in the Alumni Plaza go to scholarships for NSU students.

In Memory

1951 Harold E. Harlan,
Haughton, April 24, 2007

1954 Charles B. Holloway,
February 26, 2007

1954 Billy Ray McCoy,
March 19, 2007

1956 Helen Jackson,
Winnfield, February 2, 2007

1957 Joseph N. Bourgeois,
Lockport, February 18, 2007

1958 Gerald Winter Cloutier,
Jacksonville Beach, March 30, 2007

1960 Matthew Joseph Keppinger Jr.,
March 25, 2007

1965 Jimmy L. Bradford,
Metairie, March 13, 2007

1965 Wayne D. Simmons,
Stonewall, February 28, 2007

1982 Charles E. "Mac" McShane,
Leesville, December 17, 2006

1985 Dr. Pamela Anders Miller,
Natchitoches, February 24, 2007

1988 Virginia "Jenny" Burkhead,
Abilene, Texas, April 17, 2007

1997 Craig Brown

1997 Sherrika Vincent



LOOKING BACK



Baseball Coach Jim Wells molded the Demon Batgirls group after the same organization at LSU, where he was an assistant coach under Skip Bertman before being hired at his alma mater following the 1989 season. Along with helping to retrieve bats and deliver baseballs to the umpiring crews at home games, the batgirls helped with marketing the program and assisted in souvenir sales, helped run the concession stand and facilitated recruiting visits. The development of the batgirls coincided with a tremendous upswing in the baseball program at NSU, under Coach Wells' tenure.

The class of Demon Batgirls from 1993 were, front row from left, Melissa Thomas, Christina Welsh, Jeri Rachal, Shawna Holton and Michelle Haley. On the middle row are Shawna Inman, Amy Gewin, Kristen Salter, Debbie Cost and Monica Dugas. On the back row are Chasity Adams, Donna DeVille, Jennifer Zimmerle, Melanie Schadwell and Paula Daly.

Guess Who?



The selections of Miss Potpourri and her court were made by the Potpourri staff on the basis of scholarship, character and contributions to the school. Miss Potpourri was presented at the annual Potpourri Ball, a Christmas dance sponsored by the staff. Each member of the court received a bracelet with an inscription and the initials of the girl. The election of Miss Potpourri was kept secret until the time of the presentation at the ball. Can you identify the Potpourri court selected in December of 1956? The first five readers to contact the Alumni Affairs office at (318) 357-4414 will win a prize.

Congratulations to the following individuals who correctly identified the Purple Jackets officers from 1956-57. They were Ruthie Simmons, Reeta Gayle Tullos, Agnes Moore and Billie Walker.

Elayne Cornett—1960
Rodgers, AR

Wanda Hoffpauir—1957
Leesville, LA

Allen Horton—1957
New Iberia, LA

Beverly Leach—1957
Corpus Christi, TX

Ruth Penton Neal—1961
West Monroe, LA

O'déal Pharris
Shreveport, LA

Mary Byrne Pozzi—1957
Houston, TX

Dot Tullos Robinson—1905
Natchitoches, LA

Ruth Simmons Stedman—1958
Pleasant Hill, OR

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Date _____ SSN: _____

Name: (Miss, Mrs. Mr.) _____
Please Circle Last First Middle Maiden

Current address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

NSU undergraduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

NSU graduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

During which years did you attend NSU? _____

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU? _____

Place of employment _____

Job title: _____ Work phone: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Spouse's graduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Do you have children who are potential Northwestern students? Please tell us their names, contact information, and what high school they attend.

Please return to: Alumni Center • Northwestern State University • Natchitoches, LA 71497

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Natchitoches, LA 71497
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Room 109, Roy Hall
Natchitoches, LA 71497
(318) 357-5961
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ROW 1 from bottom L to R: Agnes June Hendrx Melancon, Clois Lea Warner Witt, Mildred McElveen Jones, Minnie Varnado Hanby, Nelwyn Taylor Ryder, Peggy Callia Davis, Louella Jennings Wells. **ROW 2:** Ted Edward Duggan, Vivian Prudhomme Flores Duggan, Johnnye Jo Foshee Lott, Dottie Louise Ferrington, Evelyn Barge Taylor, Katina Manitzas Booras. **ROW 3:** Robert Harris Ferrington, Polly Rains Windham, Doris Delouche Rogé, Shirley Nell Temple Moss, Juanita Penney Thornton, Sybil Childs Rhodes, Mary A. Canterbury Cook. **ROW 4:** Lois Elizabeth Christian Iles, Clara Yvonne Hollingsworth Pirtle, Mary Byme Pozzi, Calvin E. Gleason, Patsy Sanders Rusk, Maxine Aycock Southerland, Peggy Kerr Plunkett, Edith Sharp Lucky, Alice Adams Fanta, Alma Rabb Alost. **ROW 5:** Patricia Payne Mety, Patsy Worsham Carter, Sandra Johnson Thames, Jocelyn Gayle M. Walker, Jimmy C. Fields, Charles Numa Rogé, John D. Schmitt, Mifanwy Brister Hart, Kay Lang Snyder, Mary Lou S. Jantz, Billie Walker Ogden, Mildred Eckhardt McTyre. **ROW 6:** James P. Gremillion, Sr., Gertrude "Trudy" Krumm Dowden, Beverly Smith Leach, John Paul Taylor, Ann Fitzpatrick Graham, Jerry Barksdale Byrd, Alice Hulls Andreyk, Virginia Lee Crossno, Bennie G. Barron, William Louis Buvens, Jerry Payne, Oswald Alex Ferry, Ray Glendell Bumham. **ROW 7:** Bobby Floyd Dowden, Daniel Lee Chase, Shirley Amandalee Drane Williams, Samuel J. Callia, Elaine Sparks Sorbet, Mixon Bankston, James Cameron Hill, Sr., Robert Alost, Marvin Francis Lewis, Douglas McLaren, C. Don Morgan, R. F. Fanta, Jr., John Henry McTyre, Noah W. Boyette, Floyd Allen Horton, Jr.

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